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SUBJECT: NIMEIRI COMMENTS ON SUDAN-US RELATIONS

1. NIMEIRI MADE MAJOR STATEMENT RE SUDAN-US RELATIONS DURING GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH GIVEN TO LARGE AUDIENCE AT FRIQUONDSHIP HALLMEEB 22 ON OCCASION CONFERENR SUDANESE AMBASSADORS, ALL OF WHOM CURRENTLY IN KHARTOUM. MAJOR POINTS FOLLOW.

2. HE INTRODUCED THIS PORTION OF SPEECH BY SAYING SUDANESE RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION AND USA BASED ON RESPECT AND COOPERATION IN RECOGNITION THEIR INTERNATIOZTAL ROLE AS SUPER POWERS. IN THIS RESPECT, MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN SUDANESE FOREIGN POLICY HAS BEEN RESUMPTION OF NORMAL RELATIONS WITH US. NIMEIRI REMINDED AUDIENCE THAT RELATIONS WITH US WERE QUOTE DORMANT UNQUOTE DUE TO CIRCUMSTANCES

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WHICH AROSE FROM QUOTE ENEXPECTED INCIDENT WHICH HAD NO CONNECTION WITH FUNDAMENTAL IDEOLOGY BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES UNQUOTE. RELATIONS WERE RESTORED AS RESULT GREATER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND QUALITATIVE CHANGE IN AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD AFRICAN AND MIDDLE EAST ISSUES AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

3. CONTINUOUS DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS BETWEEN US AND SUDAN HAVE SUCCEEDED IN RESTORING NATURAL RELATIONSHIP THROUGH DIALOGUE ABOUT DIFFERENCES AND AGREEMENTS. HE VISIT TO US IN JUNE 1976 WAS TO CEMENT AND PROMOTE BILATERAL RELATIONS AND VISIT HAS GIVEN STRONG PUSH TO ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT RELATIONS. RESULTS OF VISIT OPENED NUMEROUS FIELDS FOR ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE. AMERICAN CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY INVITED TO ENTER SUDAN AND NUMBER AMERICAN FIRMS AND INSTITUTIONS CONTINUOUSLY VISITING COUNTRY. NUMEROUS PROGRAMS FOR COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE WITH USG HAVE ALREADY STARTED.

4. ON POLITICAL LEVEL, NIMEIRI SAID, MOST IMPORTANT ACHIEVEMENT HAS BEEN DECISION BY USG TO ALLOW ARMS SALES AND TO OFFER MILITARY TRAINING IN MORE THAN ONE FIELD. RELATIONS WITH US BASED ON EQUALITY AND MUTUAL INTEREST AND WILL BE STRENGTHENED IN BALANCED AND UNBIASED MANNER WHICH GOVERNS SUDAN'S RELATIONS WITH VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL POWERS. FLOW OF INVESTMENTS IS BASED SOLELY ON MUTUAL BENEFIT OF BOTH INVESTOR AND COUNTRY OF INVESTMENT. IDEA THAT IT WILL CARRY ANY FORM OF SUBORDINATION IS MERE FARCE.

5. COMMENT BY SEPTTEL. BREWER

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